

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-50 are pending in the application prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner allows claims 2-12, 15-16, 19-30, 33-36, and 48.

The examiner rejects claims 1, 13, 17-18, 31, 37-44, 46-47, and 49-50 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Suga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,832,143). The Examiner rejects claims 14, 32, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suga.

The applicants amend claims 13, 17, 19, 26, 31, 33-34, and 37-38 and cancel claims 1, 18, 39-47, and 49-50. Claims 2-17, 19-38, and 48 remain in the application after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

**Claims Allowable**

While the applicants continue to disagree with the examiner regarding the teachings of Suga as applied to claims 1, 13-14, 17-18, 31-32, 37-45, 46-47, and 49-50, the applicants have amended the application to leave only allowed claims pending. More particularly, the applicants amend claims 13 and 17 to depend from allowed claim 2 and 31 and 37-38 to depend from allowed claim 19. The applicants cancel claims 1, 18, 39-47 and 49-50, without prejudice to presenting these claims in a continuation application, to expedited prosecution and issuance of the present application.

The applicants amend claims 19, 26, and 33-34 to correct typographical errors.

**CONCLUSION**

The applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all remaining claims as amended. The applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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